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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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APPLICANT(S): Karsten Laubner et al. DOCKET NO: P00,1942
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TITLE: TSSI MONITORING DEVICE AS WELL AS APPERTAINING
METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed according to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) and before the latter occurrence of:

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

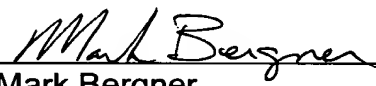
References AA and AL were discussed in the Specification. Both are in English, so no further commentary on their teaching is required. References AJ and AK were identified in a search report of a related foreign application. Both references are German patent documents. A translation of the abstract for

reference AJ has been provided, and a translation of the abstract for an application related to reference AK has been provided. Applicants will produce complete translations of these references upon request of the Examiner.

The filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b).


The above citation of prior art is not a representation that such art constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of all pertinent prior art, nor that it necessarily includes the closest or most relevant art. The aforementioned citation comprises a voluntary citation of prior art of which applicant and his attorney are presently aware and is not intended to serve as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

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